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FM AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2562

INFO ERDA WASHDC

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AMEMBASSY VIENNA

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USEC

VIENNA ALSO FOR USIAEA

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: U.S.-EURATOM DISCUSSION ON SAFEGUARDS

REF: (A) STATE 246328, (B) BRUSSELS 14257

1. LEONARD WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR ENERGY, CALLED MISSION OFFICE TO CONVEY THE COMMISSION POSITION ON PROPOSED TEAM VISIT (REFS A & B). HE SAID THAT THEY HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED DISCUSSIONS, PROVIDED IT IS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE CAN BE NO ASSUMPTION THAT BY ACCEPTING THE VISIT THE EC WOULD BE WILLING TO ALTER OR "UNSCRAMBLE" THE COMPROMISE AGREEMENT WITH IAEA.

2. WILLIAMS SAID THAT HE HAD A LENGTHY PHONE CONVERSATION WITH FISCHER AND/OR ROMETSCH ON OCTOBER 17 AND THAT BOTH SIDES AGREE THAT THERE IS AMPLE POSSIBILITY OF WORKING
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WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THEIR COMPROMISE AGREEMENT TO ACHIEVE A THREE-MONTH DETECTION INTERVAL BY USE OF CAMERAS. THIS, HE SAID, COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED EITHER BY EURATOM INSPECTORS REMOVING THE FILM AT THREE-MONTH INTERVALS OR, IF THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE, BY SOME OTHER WAY THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT. HE SAID THAT THEY COULD NOT ACHIEVE A TWO-MONTH INTERVAL AT THIS TIME. THIS, HE SAID, WOULD

REPRESENT A "NEW BALL GAME," AND IS MORE APPROPRIATELY THE TYPE OF THING THAT MIGHT EMERGE OUT OF THE INFCE WORK ON IMPROVED SAFEGUARDS.

3. HE SAID THE COMMISSION WOULD WELCOME THE MEETING AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM THE U.S. TEAM OF THE REASONING BEHIND THE COMPROMISE AGREEMENT, WHY IT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE IAEA STAFF AND THE EC, AND THE PHYSICAL DIFFICULTIES OF ACHIEVING A TWO-MONTH DETECTION INTERVAL. HE NOTED THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD INSIST ON RETAINING THE BASIC CONCEPTS OF THE EURATOM-IAEA VERIFICATION AGREEMENT; FOR EXAMPLE, THEY WOULD NOT BE RESPONSIVE TO ANY PROPOSAL THAT RESULTED IN TOTAL DUPLICATION OF EURATOM INSPECTION EFFORT BY THE IAEA.

4. WILLIAMS TOLD US THAT HE HAS CONFIRMED THAT COMMISSION GUIDANCE WAS GIVEN TO SPAAK (AS REPORTED REF A) BUT THAT THIS WAS LIMITED TO THE AUTHORITY TO SAY THAT THE COMMISSION RECOGNIZES THAT "IN THE LONG TERM" (HE REPEATED THIS PHRASE) THE EC WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AT THE POSSIBILITY OF INCREASED SAFEGUARDS INSPECTION ACTIVITIES. THIS, HE SAID, WAS NOT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE EXISTING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE IAEA, OR, IN PARTICULAR, WITH THE JULY COMPROMISE AGREEMENT, BUT RATHER IN THE CONTEXT OF A LIKELY RESULT OF THE INFCE.

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5. WILLIAMS PROPOSED THAT THE MEETING BE HELD IN LUXEMBOURG RATHER THAN BRUSSELS. HE HIMSELF CANNOT ATTEND AT LUXEMBOURG BECAUSE OF EC ENERGY COUNCIL MEETING ON OCTOBER 25. HE PLANS TO SEND SENIOR OFFICIAL FROM HIS BRUSSELS STAFF PLUS A LAWYER. WILLIAMS WOULD WELCOME A VISIT BY THE TEAM IN BRUSSELS AFTER THE SESSION IN LUXEMBOURG AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR SUCH A MEETING ON THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 26.

6. MISSION SUGGESTS OCTOBER 25 AND 26 FOR MEETINGS WITH THE EC. PRINCIPAL MISSION OFFICER (DOE REP PURPLE) INVOLVED IN THIS AREA WILL BE IN LONDON OCTOBER 24 FOR MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR SMITH. SUGGEST MEETING START IN LUXEMBOURG AT THE OFFICE OF MR. SCHLEICHER, DIRECTOR EURATOM SAFEGUARDS, AT 10:15 AM OCTOBER 25. MISSION BELIEVES THAT SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH LEONARD WILLIAMS WOULD ALSO BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL. FOR THIS, TEAM (OR SELECTED MEMBERS) CAN TRAVEL FROM LUXEMBOURG TO BRUSSELS VIA TRAIN ON OCTOBER 26 (DEPART 2:10 PM, ARRIVE BRUSSELS 4:22 PM), MEET WITH WILLIAMS FROM 5:00 TO 6:00 PM AND THEN CATCH 8:50 PM FLIGHT (OS 498) FOR VIENNA (ARRIVING VIENNA 10:30 PM). HINTON

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